Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, South Dakotans are very proud that their state has the most highly literate population in the United States. They brag about census figures that list this state's literacy rate at 99.5 percent; and,

WHEREAS, Despite the appropriate pride in our people, it is important to remember that South Dakota is not free from illiteracy. Our state, like every other state in the nation, has many people whose lives are complicated and constrained by their inability to read and write; and,

WHEREAS, Estimates show that there are thousands of South Dakotans who are functional illiterates--people unable to perform tasks necessary to function in American society, such as reading newspapers, instructions, and even driver's license exams; and,

WHEREAS, Some figures have estimated that as many as one in every ten American-born adults cannot read or write. Considering the shame that is often associated with a lack of formal education, it is not surprising that the illiterate often try to hide their handicap; and,

WHEREAS, It is important for anyone who has difficulty reading and writing to know that there is help available in South Dakota. Simply contact your local school system and ask them to tell you about the state adult basic education programs available in your area; and,

WHEREAS, Literacy is an important and necessary step toward personal liberation in this country. When you can read, a whole new world of people, places, and events unfolds before your eyes; and,

WHEREAS, If you can read and write, spend some time today deciding what you can do to help someone who cannot read. South Dakota's 99.5 percent literacy rate <u>is</u> very impressive, but we must not forget the other .5 percent who still need our help and understanding:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 5, 1983, as

LITERACY DAY

In South Dakota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, In Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-sixth Day of August, In the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Three.

WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

ALICE KUNDERT, SECRETARY OF STATE

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